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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1883.

Ivery effort is being made to have THE REPUBLICAN retrieved early and promptly in all puris of the city.

I creous who do not receive their paper, or who have
ony cause of complaint, will oblige by notifying the
effice, either in person or by postal card.

names back again?

THE doge of Venice did not yesterday marry the Adriatic, but New York and Brooklyn were made one, territorially, by the artificial isthmus known as the East river bridge. The great masses of humanity on either side now affair, the opening ceremony. The completion of the work is the reply of American resolution and enterprise to American snarlrejoice. The writer of this is a native Long Potomac. Islander, and even at this distance he feels a thrill at realizing that New York state is no longer in two pieces, and that the friends of his youth may now visit the mainland dry shod. All honor to the wise projectors, the enterprising builders, and the liberal spirit which pays the bills.

Mr. Murch is evidently about to commence beginning to begin to inaugurate an inquiry to ascertain whether or not he can find anything on file in the office of Supervising Architect Hill on which to base charges of misconduct against that official. Mr. Murch has been anxious to begin all the while for several months, but not being a lawyer, and not being allowed by the secretary of the treasury to have at government expense counsel, a clerk, an office, stationery, lights, ice water, and such, and not being furnished with papers that never existed, and not being given by law compulsory process for witnesses, and not being altogether clear in his mind as to what he had better start in on first, and divers other considerations him thereunto moving not to move, he has not yet got under that full headway which a longing public had been led to expect. The audience is ready, the orchestra is still, the curtain is up, the stage waits-now do enter

THE Virginia bourbons are for free trade. The Virginia coalitionists are for protection. The New York Tribune sides with the bour-

The Virginia bourbons are against free schools. The Virginia coalitionists are for

The Virginia bourbons denounce negro suffree ballot. The New York Tribane is for the publican party proper is short of votes.

The Virginia bourbons, pay nothing on any debt. The Virginia coalitionists pay as they They will not consent to any secret maragree. The New York Tribune is with the bourbons. The Virginia bourbons swear by the lost

the nation. The New York Tribune is on the pourbon side.

The New York Tribme pretends to be rethe southern bourbons, with whom it has affiliated for eleven years.

YESTERDAY afternoon a pleasure boat contance below the squeduct bridge by the wash | stated, because we know their truth. of the tugboat Gilmore Meredith, which was running at a higher rate of speed than alcourse without stopping to pick up the men, the Washington Post on the subject of the who only saved themselves from drowning by | Virginia coalition. The republican party will regulations by exceeding the rate of the republican party if it joined hands speed authorized, thereby making strong with Virginia bourbons to restore the The regulations are very explicit upon this tion that threatens the integrity of the party.

very narrow escapes have heretofore resulted nothing has been said about them. But when in open definance of the authorities a tugtime has arrived for a demand that the law be enforced. The captain of the Meredith should have been arrested at once and fined. It is not yet too late for such an act. matter in their own bands. They should see to it that this regulation is strictly observed, or infractions of it promptly punished.

#### Proposed Vandalism.

The hill upon which stands the naval observatory is one of the most beautiful natural objects in the District of Columbia, and it is the natural continuation and terminus of the grand park commencing with the capitol grounds and embracing the botanical garden, armory square, the Smithsonian, agricultural, and monumental grounds, the white lot, and the portion of the Potemac flats now in process of reclamation. The high bluff of the observatory hill facing the Potomac commands a fine view of the river, and with its shade of grand old trees and its rich carpet of grass and clover is decidedly the most strikingly beautiful whole district. The only link wanting to connect this eminence with the continuous system of parks above mentioned is about to be supplied by the reclamation of the flats. Let those who have carriages drive to the observatory and walk around it to the river front. Let those who have not take the avenue cars to Twenty-fourth street, and a walk of five minutes from that point will bring them to the place. Then let them say whether this place of enchantment ought to be destroyed. And for what? Have our readers heard that it has been proposed to level this flue hill, from which the only good view of the river from the city can be had, for the use of the dirt? Think of it. Can the request be serious? Cannot dirt and debris be found for filling up the Potomac flats without cutting observatory hill down to their permit the outrage? Who having the linger. authority would grant it? We hope the act is not seriously contemplated by any officer of the government. We do not believe that any authority less than congress can lawfully commit such irreparable injury to government property. We know of no reason Is GOY, CLEVELAND aware that Goy. But- to fear that it will be done. We only know ler said of him that he was "fresh?" Of what that in the necessity for filling makind is this cock come of, that he calls no terial for the flats, this hill has been under discussion as a source from which the need could be supplied. Therefore we protest early. We hear indignant protests from all who speak on the subject. No government official who will go through the grounds in question will ever consent to see them mutilated merely to get dirt, which mingle and become one. It was an imposing can be had in abundance elsewhere. It would be like killing a blooded horse for his hide and hair. The government is rich enough to get earth without destroying the ing and croaking. Let all the New Yorkers most beautiful elevation anywhere on the

Political Danger Signals The kind of northern republicans of whom

the Washington Post is the Washington organ desire it understood that they are for the democratic party in Virginia. That is because they are at heart for the democratic party everywhere else. No republican president can be elected in 1884 without southern aid. This every republican believes. No republican considers New York, New Jersey, Indiana, or California safe fo the republican party. These four states combined have 68 electoral votes as follows: New York, 36; New Jersey, 9; Indiana, 15; California, 8; total, 68. The whole electoral vote of the north is 248. We may carry every one of the 68 votes above named. Every man knows they are all very doubtful. If they should be lost our candidate would have but 180 votes in the north This would not be enough to elect a president. The whole number of electoral votes is 401 necessary to a choice, 202. The 22 lacking votes would have to come from the south. Virginia has 12 and North Carolina has 11. These 23 electoral votes can be had only by a coalition between republicans and independents. Such i coalition carried Virginia in 1881 and 1882. Such a coalition lacked but 343 of carrying North Carolina in 1882, despite the un willingness of some thousands of republicans to co-operate then who will now heartily yield their support. Both these states are likely to be indispensable to the defeat of the democratic party. Shortsighted republicans who allow themselves to be misled by the sham republicanism of the free schools. The New York Tribune goes for New York Tribune and kindred sheets, which only profess to be republican in order to stab the party by their hostility to these coalitions. frage. The Virginia coalitionists are for a may realize when it is too late that the re-

The Virginia and North Carolina liberals will not intrude where they are not wanted. riage, nor act with any party with which they do not agree and which is not eager for their support on terms of perfect equality. cause. The Virginia coalitionists stand by If the journalistic and other traitors to the republican party who have been bawds for the democracy during the past decade were to be pacified by any apparent sympublican in order that it may thus better aid | pathy of the republican party with their vile abuse and gross slauders of Mahone and his associates, then the electoral vote of Virginia would be cast against the republican as well as against the democratic party. We deem taining four men was swamped a short dis- it important that these things should be

The republican party would never carry southern state if it should take the advice of lowed by law. The tug proceeded on her the newspaper gang who act in unison with the government, lo these many years, will begin to clinging to the upturned boat until help never elect another president with the solid a ached them from shore. Complaint is made south against it. The negroes of the north by many persons owning pleasure boats that have the balance of power in several states. this came tog constantly violates the harbor They would not be likely to support awells and endangering the safety of latter to power and the negroes to political the small beats and their occupants, slavery in that state. This is the only quespoint. No steam vessel has any right to The men who are honestly in favor of negro navigate that part of the river at any rate of rights would never support for the presidency navigate that part of the river at any rate of rights would never support for the presidency speed higher than four miles an hour. Several any man whose sympathies are with the party generally is "politica for revenue only."

negro's bourbon enemies and against his readfrom wanton violations of this order, and juster friends. The republican wing of the republican party is strong enough to be respected, and it will never bow the knee to boat Jeopardizes life as this one did, the the bourbon Baal. These things are substantial and material to the issue. Let them be considered.

#### An Open Regatta,

Whatever may be the action of the regatta cumittee upon the question of changing the will of course be greatly preferable to have such action by the committee as will bring all the local clubs into this arrangement as first parties; but should that fail the Columbia energy and fairness in this whole matter, will declare an open regatta on their own account, and notify all the clubs of the union. This is as it ought to be. No finer course is sailed for Europe about a month ago. to be found in America than that effered on the Potomac, and no other city is so eligible as a point at which a national regatta would be heavily attended. The for the great boating event of the year. The 1884.

L. U. REAVIS, a gentleman who has devoted his life to an effort to remove the seat of government from Washington to St. Louis, was married this week. Mr. Reavis is to be in persuading some one to listen to him.

THE indications that spring has finally bounced winter from her lap should not induce the retirement of overcoats and sealskins. There is no certainty that the old

### BOOK NOTES.

G. P. Putnam and Sons have begun the publication of a very pretty little magazine under the title of "Topics of the Time," in which they propose to submit a series of representative essays on questions of the hour The first number is composed of papers on Problems," contributed Griffin, Jehan De Paris, Robert Woulfe Flanagan, Henry Labouchere, Auberon Herbert, and Emile de Laveleve These are all upon social and socialistic problems, as affecting the present condition of Europe. Mr. Labouchere's paper, "A Democrat on the Coming Democracy," is especially strong and significant.

Joel Chandler Harris is writing a new series they are issued in book form. Their title in the magazine, at least, will be "Nights with Uncle Remus," and the half dozen stories which will form the first group in the July Century will show, it is said, that the loquacious old Uncle's humor and ingenuity and Brother Rabbit's" trickery have suffered no diminution since they last amused the readers of the Century.

Madeline Vinton Dahlgren's new work, satire upon ultraisms.

Harper & Brothers will publish this week the "Life of John A. Dix," by his son, the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix. The life of Gen. United States army at the commencement of ences." the war of 1812, to the close of his adminis tration as governor of the state of New York in 1874, was, with the exception of a few short intervals, one of uninterrupted activity in the public service. The story of this ex tended and honorable career Dr. Dix tells with loving elaboration and proud appreciation of the splendid qualities of his father's character. The narrative is enriched by co pious citations from the more important speeches and public documents of Gen. Dix. which, by reason of his high and statesmanlike aims, and the judicious and comprehensive views which guided his actions, render the work in a very significant sense a rich illustrated by several fine steel engravings. ferent periods.

The London Graphic and the Illustrated London News of May 12, which were received yesterday by the Brentanos, are exceptionally interesting numbers of those always attractive publications. Considerable space is devoted in each to illustrations of the fishing industries, and to the regnant artistic attraction of London, the water colors exhibition. Each paper has supplemental sheets.

"The Irrepressible Virginia Crank,"

New York Commercial Advertiser. The Tribune publishes Secretary Chandler's reply to that irrepressible crank and dead beat, Desendorf, of Virginia. It is time for the Tribune to stop encouraging such frauds as this Virginia blatherskite. Here is a fellow who for years has been employing federal patronage under Hayes's and Garneld's administrations for his own advantage, and when it is taken from him turns reformer, and starts up a howl of "corruptly using patronage." Democratic journals and their assistants, to amirch the administration, seize upo the lies invented by this poor creature and give them general circulation. It is with such fellows that about all the calumnies sent abroad against the administration originate. We repeat, it is time the Tribune should stop encouraging such cranks

Bad for Government Soaks

If the new civil service rules concerning the using of intoxicating beverages to excess are to be enforced to the letter, many old and respected bourbon suctionists who have hung on to

## In Good Standing at His Home

Cleveland Leader. The fact that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Evans has polled nearly \$2,000 votes as re-publican candidate for governor of Kentucky shows that he is well thought of at home.

The B That Bothers Benny. The papers speak of men who have "the residential bee in their bonnets." The presidential B does not stand for Butler.

A Strictly Business Platforn

THE MAN ON THE AVENUE. Small Talk About Men and Measures.

Judge William D. Kelley is recovering from the very severe surgical operation be was compelled to undergo a few weeks ago for cancer. In a lotter to a friend who assisted in the operation, Dr. R. R. Ripley, of Philadelphia, writes: "The operation was a very severe one; the cut reaches from the corner of the mouth to the base of the car on the right side. Five doctors and your humble servant were in attendance upon him date for the annual display by the beat clubs, through the operation, which occupied two it is moderately well assured now that an hours, he being under the influence of open regatts will be arranged to follow close other all that time. At present, although upon the national regatta at Newark. It not out of bed, he is doing splendidly and is recovering with remarkable rapidity, and Dr. Thomas G. Morton said vesterday that he felt confident he would be well enough to sail on the second of June, for which day his passage is engaged for Liverclub, which has shown a most worthy spirit of pool on the Nevada, of the Williams and Guion line."

The judge had a parrow escape, and nothing but his nerve to stand the ordeal of a terrible operation saved his life. Mrs. Kelley

"Talk about the profits of running gambling house," philosophised a retired sport with a pletheric bank account, "but that is as nothing compared to the winnings object of the local clubs should be less to of the commission business. Some pretty shut other clubs out by such a scant tough stories are told through the country of showing of courtesy as an invitation to pay-, the operations of some of the produce handticipate in an event after the close of the ling establishments of New York, Baltimore, season, than to bring them here in the season and other large cities, and the truth has not been half told. I knew of an old farmer in Ohio who shipped a lot of potatoes and produce matter has gone so far now that if the Colum- of different kinds to the market to be disposed bia club will but see it through an effort may of. The commission firm to whom he com be made, with a very reasonable chance of signed the goods made several reports and success, to get the national meeting here in then sent him in a bill for \$18.90, which they discovered to be due them over and above the proceeds of the sale. The whole amount had been absorbed in freight and warehouse charges, comission, insurance, shrinkage, &c. and the consignor never even got back the bags he had shipped his truck to market in. That will serve as a specimen transaction. The rake congratulated upon having at last succeeded in the stock exchange brokerage business is a big thing, and the 'hole in the table' eventually gets all the money that is poured into the street by the lambs who dabbie in the fascinating pastime of buying some-thing they never expect to take and wouldn't know what to do with if they got it, and of selling something they do not own and level? Who has the authority to brute will not clamber back again for another never expect to deliver. The brokers and the commission men constitute the most successful type of middle men in the world.

"The excessive quiet that pervades the administration of the Indian bureau at this juncture is something astonishing," observed the ex-Indian trader, "and I do not know what to make of it. The calm is heavenly almost. It was only a few months ago that the air was freighted with rumors of extravagance in the bureau management, and several agents were mentioned by name and asked to stand up and be counted. Suddenly the gossip ceased, and for weeks nothing whatever on the subject has been said. The parification and reformation seems to be complete. How long this delightful state of affairs is going to continue no one can tell, of his "Uncle Remus" stories, many of which but everything is so exceedingly lovely that will appear in the Century magazine before it would be sad to cause a disturbance. Let peace prevail always."

Said a patent lawyer the other day: "Inventors are secretive and suspicious to a degree that is little less than amazing. They will not trust their best friends, and it fre quently happens that in applying for patents they deliberately go to work to fool their attorneys and the patent office about their inventions, obscuring the truth so that when they do get a patent it is practically worth-'A Washington Winter," is now in press, and less for the reason that it does not will be issued within a few days. The book cover the real points of the invention. Then is to be a story of different phases of Wash- an application for a new patent or a reissue is ington social life, good and bad, as well as a the only thing to do. By this time the wolves have guessed what the inventor is after and they file applications covering the same points, throw the cases into interference, and begin a long course of litigation with view of tiring the real inventor out, a process John A. Dix, from his 15th year, when, fired that is too often successful. The patent by the example of his father, he entered the agent's life is full of queer and quaint experi-

> "Have you heard the latest?" saked a dealer in local securities of a friend last evening. "No. What is the latest?"

"The gas company is going to declare an other dividend, and split up its remaining surplus of something like three-quarters of a million dollars among its stockholders. "What is the matter?"

"The company is getting rattled, and nanagement has about decided to change its policy from open, barefaced, brazen, hoggishness, and contemptuous disregard of the rights of the public to assumed honesty and self imposed poverty. The controlling spirits and suggestive text dook of statecraft. It is of the organization think they can read the handwriting on the wall, and they are now including three portraits of Gen. Dix at dif- satisfied that there is a genuine, carnest determination on the part of people to carry their grievances agress and demand redress. They know that if this is done their goose will be cooked, They have about concluded to accept the situation and make the best of it. Their first move will be to divide everything in sight, and reduce the price of gas. They then go before congress, wave their skele ton arm, and say, 'Here we are! Look at us We have put down the price of gas to the lowest possible figure, and are sailing close to We haven't a dollar, and you can't get a dollar from us. We are sternly honest and poor. Now do what you want to with 118. Go ahead and give charters to everybody you can find, and open the whole field to competition. We have done all that has been demanded of us. What better can a new company do?

"This will be a plausible argument to advauce. The company will not be a pauper, however, by considerable. It will be able to grind the people as much as ever through its yonderful and awful system of meter measurement, which is a little worse than the most approved schemes of brigandage ever conceived. The company will take care to lay up a few dollars while playing the poor but honest act. It is a very pleasant scheme, take it all in all. What congress and the district commissioners want to do is to provide for the illumination of the public buildings and principal streets by electricity. That is one way of bringing the gaseous gentlemen up standing. There will be a lively game for big stakes played in this city next winter."

Gens. Hadeau and Stekles Judge Ferris, second auditor of the Treas ury department, has written to Gen. Sickles in reply to a letter of inquiry, that the ruling recently made upon the application of Gen. Adam Badeau for longevity pay under his commission as a captain in the United States army on the retired list, will also apply te him. Judge Ferris holds that both there officers come under the application of section 1223 of the United States statutes, which provides that when an officer on the retired list of the army or navy accepts a commission in the consular or diplomatic service, he thereby tenders his resignation as an officer

of the army or navy, and creates a vacaucy which can be filled only by appointment, Judge Ferris holds that after an officer is thus out of the army or navy, he cannot be rehabilitated by any act of congress; that the constitution of the United States years the appointment of officers of the army and navy in the president; and that in the case of the gentlemen named, they having by their own acts piaced themselves out of the service, they can be restored only by the president, with the advice and consent of the senate.

The proper is the case of Gon. Beddent the senate.

The papers in the case of Gen. Badeau have been referred by Judge Ferris to Mr. Upton, second comptroller of the treasury, whose do cision may overrule or sustain that of the auditor. If it be sustained, then the pay of all officers on the retired list whose status is analogous to that of Gen. Badeau will be

#### MR. MURCH IS ALMOST READY.

All He Needs Now is Several Other Things, and Then He Will Begin to

The committee appointed to investigate

the charges against Mr. Hill, supervising

architect of the treasury, met at 10 a. m. yes-

terday, and at the request of Mr. Murch took

a recess until 11 o'clock. On reassembling Mr. Murch stated that he was prepared to go on with the investigation, provided certain privileges were accorded to him. He desired that a full record be made of all the evidence taken, and that he be furnished with a copy Ex-Collector John L. Thomas, of Baltimore who appeared as counsel for Bartlett, Robbin & Co., of Baltimore, asked to Bartiett, Robbins & Co., of Baltimore, asked to that he also be furnished with a copy. The committee acceded to the request, whereupon Mr. Murch stated that he desired to take up the charges seriatin and complete the investigation under each before proceeding to another. He would therefore take up first the matter of the Dix Island Granite company, and to facilitate matters would call upon the architect's office for certain papers which he proceeded to enumerate. These included what were known as the "15 per cent contracts," the orders for the construction of buildings for boarding houses for laborers at Dix Island; the payrolls for labor upon the New York and Philadelphia public buildings; the letter (if one was written), of Secretary Sherman appointing a commission to investigate and the second s ing a commission to investigate matters re-lating to the construction of these buildings, together with a mass of other specified papers

and documents. and documents.

Mr. Thayer, of the architect's office, who was present in Mr. Hill's interest, suggested that it was due Mr. Hill, before requiring him to scour the files of his office for ten years past, that he should be informed for what specific purpose the papers were to be used, and what specific charge against him were expected to substantiate.

Mr. Murch replied that he labored under the disadvantage of being without counsel, that he had never before appeared in court either as plaintiff, defendant, or attorney, but that he expected later on to have the advice of coun-sel. He further stated that his object in ask-They get everything for next to nothing. ing these papers was to show that great they have the cream of the best business in frauds had been perpetrated upon the goy-the whole universe." had been increased far beyond any necessity and that contractors had in some instances been paid ten times over the value of the services rendered.

After some further discussion as to the node of procedure an adjournment was had till 11 a. m. to-day, with the understanding that Mr. Murch be permitted to inspect the files of the architect's office and designate such letters and documents as he may desire to have put in evidence before the com-

Correspondence for China.

The Postoffice department has received notics of the discontinuance of all Japanese postal agencies hitherto maintained at difrerent ports in China, except at Shanghai, and of the consequent inability of the Japanese administration to assure any longer the delivery of the unpaid or short paid correspondence of Unite: States origin for destinations in north China, other than Shanghai, which for some time area the has been the which for some time past it has been the practice to send via Yokohama. In conse-quence of this information the department has been compelled to direct the return to senders of the correspondence referred to.

Sampling Sugar. The secretary of the treasury has issued a ircular in regard to the sampling and classification of imported sugars and molasses under the act of March 3, 1883, and allowances for damage thereon. The circular contains regtierces, barrels, boxes, baskets, bags, ceroons, and mats, and for sampling melads and mo-lasses; also for classification, estimation of damage, and directions for testing sugar by the polariscope and method of adjusting the

The Nickerson Case.

Judge Advocate General Barr, who was sent to Philadelphia by the War department to make an examination of the judicial proceedings and all the papers in the Nickerson divorce case, has returned, and will forth-with prepare a report to be submitted to the adjutant general within the next few days. The investigation, army officers say, cannot and investigation, army officers say, cannot fail to result in a court martial of Maj. Nickerson for conduct unbecoming an officer and a continuous

Pauper Mormons.

The Treasury department has been advised that a party of pauper Mormons from Switzerland are en route to New York on the steamship Nevada, which sailed from Liverpool on the seventeenth instant. Instructions have been sent to the collector of customs at Nev York to co-operate with the commissioners of immigration to prevent the landing of the Mormone referred to, provided they are paupers within the meaning of the immigra-

Diplomates on Leave of Absence.

Count Lippe, of the Austrian legation, was yesterday presented to the acting secretary of tate as charge d'affaires during the absence of the Austrian minister, Baron Schafer. Mr. de Bitt, secretary of the Swedish and Norwegian legation, was also presented as charge d'affaires of that legation during the absence of Count Lewenhaupt. It is understood that these ministers will sail from New York next wask on a visit to their respective countries. week on a visit to their respective countrie The Corwin.

The Navy department is informed that the revenue cutter Corwin was to sail from San Francisco Wednesday for Alaska. Ensign Stoney was on board with the presents from the government to the Tchoutchees Indians in the vicinity of St. Lawrence bay. The presents are intended as a recognition of the services rendered to the crew of the ill-fated teamer Rogers.

DEPARTMENT FLAKES A new postoffice has been established at Copperville, Carroll county, Md.

The national bank notes received for re demption yesterday amounted to \$623,000. The receipts from internal revenue yesterday were \$486,620 and from customs \$495,169.

The Treasury department yesterday pur-hased 326,000 cunces of silver for delivery at the different mints. The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has established a quarantine station at Pensacola, Fla., with Surgeon Murray in

On July I next the Brookline, Mass., pest-office will be discontinued, and a branch of the Boston office established in lieu of it. The carrier service of the Boston office will

be extended to Brookline. Secretary Toller has directed that in future registers and receivers of land offices must not receive filings upon odd sections of land granted to railways within the limits grants withdrawn for indemnity purposes.

Information has been received here of the arrest in Montreal, Canada, of William C. Phelan, counterfeiter and fugitive from jus-tice from Portland, Me., with \$10,000 in bonds of the Mayflower Gold Mining com-

pany, of Utah, in his possession. First Assistant Postmaster General Hatton ecting postmaster general, issued an order resterday closing all postoffices on decoration day between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p m., except in the large cities. In these cities the postmasters are to use their own discretion as to the hours of closing their offices.

#### TABLE TALK.

DO THE MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH? The eagle plucks the raven, And the raven plucks the jay, To whose verselous eraving The cricket falls a prey.

The big fish dines at leisure Upon the smaller fry, And the minnow cats with pleasure The poor unconscious fly.

The miser skins his neighbor, The neighbor skins the poor, And the poor man doomed to labor Spurns the beggar from his door.

And thus the world is preying-The strong upon the weak. Despite the precious saying:
"The earth is for the meek."

WHEN the Emperor of Austria goes traveling he takes a chaplain and an altar with him. This, says the Post-Express, shows how little conidence he has in rallways.

Last winter a Missonri girl leaped into a river for suicide, but, finding the water distress-ingly cold, she got out as soon as possible. She declared that she simply postponed her death un-til she could drown more comfortably; and now, with the first warm weather, she has executed her purpose

WHAT is alleged to be a piece of the true ross has come to light at Poitiers in an old chest.

was sent to a saint in the second half of the sixth century by the Emperor Justin from Con-stantinople. It is mounted in gold and enamel of exquisite Byzantine manufacture, and exciter great interest. It disappeared during the revolu-

QUEER problem submitted by the Atlanta Consiliution: How is it that when our young men put on tight pantaloons their knee joints show a disposition to cave inward? It is funny, but not as funny as it is curious. Our columns are open as funny as it is curious. Our columns are open to any physician who desires to explain the mat-ter, or to any young lady who feels that the young

men need a defender.

THE Kaneas City Journal says a young woman of Wyandoue, who had been deserted by her lover, had her photograph taken while she held a cocked revolver to her head. She sent this processive pleinre to the recreant. By return aggestive picture to the recreant. By return mail she received his photograph with the body convoluted with ecstatic delight and the face wearing a smile of superlative joy. She has not pulled

Ir takes a 'oman five times as long ter get in de bed as it does a man. She has ter cross de flo' a certain number of times, an' has ter fumble mong de quilts, turn down the lamp too low, an' den go back an' turn it up too high. A 'oman walks mighty light when she's got shoes on, but when she takes 'em off an' walks, she shakes do whole house, like a dog trottin' 'cross a bridge.-Arkansaw Traveler

HARK! Soft as the breath of idle summer winds, and just about as tuo, the of the silvery to siren. What is she saying, she of the silvery voice? She is saying that if you take her to the mountains in July and down to the seashore in mountains in July and down to the seashore in winds, and just about as idol, I hear the voice of August she will do without that sealskin cloak you promised her. And of a variety she forgeteth that she got that sealskin cloak last December .-Burlington Hawkeye.

More than twelve months ago a "perclock was started at Brussels. An upfraught is obtained in a tube or shaft by exposing it to the sun; this draught turns a fan, which winds up the weight of the clock until it reaches the top, when it actuates a brake that stops the fan, but leaves it free to start again when the weight has gone down a little. This clock was keeping good time in June, after running continuously for nine months

A Young man named Parker was arrested n Chicago a few days ago, on the eve of his marriage for stealing jewelry from his employers. He explained where his money went to by saying he treated his girl to fee cream every night. Ice cream is ruining thousands of our young men an-nually. Excessive treating to ice cream will buri almost any man into a suit of striped clothes. Many a promising young man has been utterly ruined by his lack of will power in rushing his girl past los gream saloons.—Kansas City Journal

A RECENT census of Hindostan shows that it is the land of widows even more than tigers and costly shawls. There are 63,000 of them under 10 years of age, 174,524 between 10 and 15, 1,572,145 between 15 and 20, and 15,312,651 between 20 and The custom of the country marries girls in childhood, and forbids them from ever marrying egain, and the British authorities, by stopping the practice of burning wives upon the funeral pyres argely to the growth of the widow class. British India ought to be a good recruiting ground for the Mormons.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Boston Herald. writing from Moscow, gives an entertaining de-scription of the buildings to be occupied by the emperor and his court during the coronation ceremonies. In one of the palaces Byzantine frescoes on the walls, which have been restored rom designs from illuminated manuscripts by native artists, representing scenes in the career of Joseph, the scriptural personage who is depicted with a gold auercle and coarse heavy boots. One scene, in which Joseph receives his brethren, is very quaint. The lucky brother is in full canon's cals, while Reuben, Benjamin, and the others all appear with big boots, a la moulik. Another tableau represents the most comely Mrs. Portiphar, wrapped up in blue sheets. If these fres oes are to be believed, irreverently says the correspondent, the lady sets at rest the vexed question of flippant critics as to whether wrink! loss of teeth had anything to do with Joseph's re-

Two young men, robed as priests, have been going about Philadelphia swindling servant girls. Ascending the steps of the most fashionable resi-dences they would inquire of the servant respond-ing to their pull of the bell, "Are there any Catholic servant girls here? If so, I want to see them." When the servants appeared the priestly garbed centleman would hold his hand aloft and fasten his eyes for an instant upon the ceiling. The servants would reverently and gratefully what they thought was his reverence's blessing. Then he would tell them, "Daughter, I have here a little book upon 'The Four Mortal Sins.' You should read it, by all means, and learn better how to care for your souls." That appeal usually brought out the girl's pocketbook. If it did not, he would offer to sell them a specially blessed seapular for \$2 and give them the book for noth-ing. In this way they obtained a considerable sum of money, but the knaves were finally dis-

THE model heroine lives in Tallahassee, and er name is Katie Gamble. A few nights since, while aslesp in her room, she suddenly awakened to find two introders in the apartment, a white man and a negro. She made some startled exclamation which called the white man's attennd thereupon he drew a pistol and declared his intention to kill her if she raised any alarm. no wise daunted, this spirited young lady quickly took a pistol from under her pillow and fired at the viliain, at which the negro took flight and fled. The white brute, however, returned the fire. Plucky as she is fair, Miss Gamble not only fired at him again, but, upon his turning to run, sprang out of bed, fired still another shot, and as the scoundrel was hastily getting out the window struck him a good blow over the head with her weapon. And after it was all over she didn't faint either, as heroines in novels usually do, but was able in a collected manner to tell her family all about it when they came rusning into the room. The would be robber was evidently hurt, for next morning the imprint of his flugers, marked in blood, was found upon the window sil

NEW YORK Commercial Advertiser: Lord Byron was fat when a boy, and he subsequently wrote "fat" for the printers... Noah was the uther of the song "Wait till the clouds rolls by He might not have sung it, but he thought about it for more than a month... Some persons are anxious that the Broomlyn bridge should be given some appropriate name. As "life is but a span," why not call the structure "Life Bridge."... Ow Yang Ming has been appointed Chinese consul in this city. Some old time American, such as Auld Lang Syne or Yang Kee Doodle might have been se-lected, if the choice had rested with the natives.... correspondent writes to the Cincinnati Safarday Night that his father was a canon of the Episco pal church, and wants to know if some title does not attach to himself in consequence. The editor informs him that he might call himself a son of s gun....A Texas grocer advertises the "fresh s rival of salt fish." That's the kind of intelliger which should be taken cum grano sait.... The first consignment of apples from New Zealand has arrived at Fan Francisco. The next thing will be some bark from the North Pole.